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MEMBER  
STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
**CALIFORNIA'S TAX BOARD**

March 21, 2013

The Honorable Toni Atkins  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT AB 163 (Atkins)**

Dear Assembly Member Atkins,

I am writing in support of your Assembly Bill 163. This bill will remove the sunset clause on the sales and use tax exemption for qualified nonprofit thrift stores operating on military bases.

The thrift stores in question provide financial, educational, and other assistance to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. Our military forces deserve to receive every penny possible from these organizations without state and local tax obligations. It is a small token of our appreciation for everything military personnel do to protect our state and nation.

Board of Equalization staff has estimated that these stores generate \$197,600 in sales per year, meaning that the revenue loss to the state is minimal. This bill is the least we can do to support our men and women in uniform, and I urge its swift passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G Runner".

GEORGE RUNNER  
Second District